Ø 001

## RECEIVED **CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

MAR 23 2006

**PATENT** 450100-03202

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants** 

Masakazu Hayashi, et al.

Notice of Allowance

Serial No.

09/844,107

Dated: 02/24/2006

Filed

Confirmation No. 9971

April 27, 2001

For

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING INFORMATION,

AND PROGRAM AND MEDIUM USED THEREFOR

Examiner

Chuong, Truc T.

Art Unit

2179

745 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10151

## FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office Central Fax Center No.

(571) 273-8300 on the date shown below.

Type or print nag

Signaturo March 23, 2006

Date of Signature

## RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance,

which accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed February 24, 2006. To the extent

Page 1

00346364.doc

PAGE 1/2 \* RCVD AT 3/23/2006 1:57:23 PM [Eastern Standard Time] \* SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-5/4 \* DNIS:2738300 \* CSID:12125880500 \* DURATION (mm-ss):00-54

BEST AVAILABLE COP

PATENT 450100-03202

the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicants' attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicants' contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as a surrender by Applicants of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicants, by their attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP Attorneys for Applicants

Thomas F. Presson

Reg. No. 41,442

(212) 588-0800

Page 2